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Acquisition of Dreamliner Aircraft
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite being plagued by recurring technical glitches, the national carrier Air India would complete acquisition of the 27 Dreamliners from Boeing before April and would take delivery of the 23rd B-787 in early January, 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India would have the last batch of four more Dreamliners by the end of this fiscal year putting an end to the process that started more than a decade ago; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Air India has acquired 23 Dreamliners progressively from September 2012 to 9th January 2017. The Dreamliner aircraft have experienced technical reliability issues, since induction into Air India fleet. These issues, however, do not adversely affect the safety of the airplane due to the system design and in-built system redundancy. Further, regular improvements are incorporated as a part of reliability enhancement process. ;
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(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. One B787-8 aircraft will be delivered in July,2017, two B787-8 aircraft in August,2017 and the 27th B787-8 aircraft will be delivered in October,2017.